

The new \$10 design retains three of the most important security features that were first introduced in the 1990s and are easy for consumers and merchants alike to check: color-shifting ink, watermark and security thread.



Security Thread

Hold the note up to the light and look for the security thread, or plastic strip, that is embedded in the paper and runs vertically to the right of the portrait. If you look closely, the words “USA TEN” and a small flag are visible along the thread from both sides of the note. This thread glows orange when held under ultraviolet light. In the redesigned \$10 note, the thread has shifted slightly to the right of its location on older series \$10 notes.

Color-Shifting Ink

Look at the number “10” in the lower right corner on the face of the note. When you tilt the note up and down, the color-shifting ink changes color from copper to green.

Watermark

Hold the note up to the light and look for the watermark, or faint image, similar to the large portrait of Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton. The watermark is part of the paper itself and can be seen from both sides of the note. A blank oval has been incorporated into the new \$10 design to highlight the watermark’s location.

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Newly designed currency – with the addition of subtle background colors – began with the \$20 note in 2003 and continued with the \$50 note in 2004. The next denomination to be introduced in the series will be the \$10 note in early 2006. A new design for the \$100 note will follow later. The government has no plans to redesign the \$5 note at this time, and the \$1 and \$2 notes will not be redesigned. The introduction of new currency designs is part of an ongoing effort by the United States government to stay ahead of currency counterfeiting and protect your hard-earned money.

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